

Remarks

New claims 9-19 are added.

New claims 9-11 recite a casting alloy in the "comprising" form with compositional ranges paralleling original claims 1-3. New claims 9-11 simplify the expression of the manganese to iron ratio.

New claims 12-14 parallel new claims 9-11 except that the silicon content is reduced to 9.5 % (the low end of original claim 1) to 11.75% (the high end of original claim 4).

New claim 15 recites a casting alloy in the "comprising" form with compositional ranges paralleling original claim 4 and with the expression of manganese to iron ratio simplified.

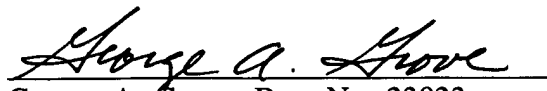
New claims 16-18 parallel new claims 12-14 with the requirement that the microstructure of the cast alloy be substantially free of primary silicon (see page 3 of the specification).

New claim 19 parallels new claim 15 with the requirement that the microstructure of the cast alloy be substantially free of primary silicon.

The allowance of each of claims 1-19 is respectfully requested.

Any fees required in connection with this preliminary amendment may be charged to deposit account 07-0960.

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